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SUBJ: GOG REQUESTS AGREEMENT FOR S.E. QUARM AS NEW AMBASSADOR
TO UNITED STATES

1. IN DIPLOMATIC NOTE DATED MARCH 14 AND RECEIVED MARCH 15, MFA HAS ASKED EMBASSY FOR "EARLY AGREEMENT" TO NOMINATION SAMUEL ERNEST QUARM TO SUCCEED H.R. AMONOO AS GHANAIAAN AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES. (COPIES NOTE AND CURRICULUM VITAE BEING POUCHED AF/W.)

2. QUARM, WHO HAS BEEN ACTING PRINCIPAL SECRETARY MFA SINCE LAST DECEMBER, WELL AND FAVORABLE KNOWN TO EMBASSY. HE IS SUAVE, QUIET AND INTELLIGENT INDIVIDUAL WHO CAN BE EXPECTED TO DO A GOOD JOB IN WASHINGTON IN UNOBTRUSIVE MANNER. HE IS FRIENDLY TOWARDS U.S. AND HAS BEEN MOST HELPFUL TO EMBASSY DURING HIS RECENT TOUR WITH MFA (E.G., 25 PERCENT UN ASSESSMENT ISSUE AND IN CANCELING ORDER TERMINATE PANAM SERVICE TO ACCRA ISSUED BY COMMISSIONER TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS). WE WOULD EXPECT THAT RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN DEPARTMENT AND GHANA EMBASSY WILL BE EXCELLENT AND THAT MFA WILL RECEIVE BALANCED REPORTS FROM ITS NEW AMBASSADOR.

3. FORTY-TWO YEARS OLD, QUARM BORN IN AXIM, GHANA. HE IS GRADUATE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE CAPE COAST (B.A.) AND HAS STUDIED AT OXFORD UNIVERSITY AND INSTITUTE FRENCH LANGUAGE AND CIVILIZATION, CONFIDENTIAL

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TOURS, FRANCE; HE SPEAKS FRENCH FLUENTLY. QUARM IS MARRIED AND

HAS FOUR CHILDREN. HE IS CAREER FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICER WHO HAS HELD SEVERAL HIGH-LEVEL POSTS IN GHANAIAN DIPLOMATIC SERVICE, WITH EMPHASIS IN UNITED NATIONS AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION AFFAIRS.

4. SUBSEQUENT TO HIS RETURN FROM PARIS IN 1972, WHERE HE SERVED AS COUNSELOR GHANAIAN EMBASSY AND GHANA AMBASSADOR AND PERMDELEGATE UNESCO, QUARM SERVED SUCCESSIVELY AS DIRECTOR MFA'S INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS DEPARTMENT AND SUPERVISING DIRECTOR, POLITICAL DEPARTMENT (ONE OF THREE IN MFA HIERACHY WHOSE ONLY SUPERIORS WERE PRINCIPAL SECRETARY AND COMMISSIONER) BEFORE BEING NAMED ACTING PRICIPAL SECRETARY IN DECEMBER 1972, SUCCEEDING FORMER AMBASSADOR TO U.S. KOJO DEBRAH.

5. QUARM SERVED AS GHANA AMBASSADOR TO ALGERIA (1969-1970), AS DEPUTY PERMREP TO UNITED NATIONS (1967-69) AND EPUTY HIGH COMMISSIONER TO LONDON (1965-66). OTHER FOREIGN POSTINGS INCLUDE SERVICE IN MOSCOW (COUNSELOR, 1964-65); TOKYO (FIRST SECRETARY AND HEAD OF CHANCERY, 1960-63); AND MONROVIA (HEAD OF CHANCERY, 1957-58). DURING FOUR TOURS IN ACCRA, QUARM HAS HEADED INTERNATIONAL OR UNITED NATIONS DEPARTMENT THREE TIMES (1963-64; 1966-67; AND 1972) AND WAS ASSISTANT SECRETARY, UN AFFAIRS, IN OTHER TOUR (1958-60). FOR BRIEF PERIOD IN 1966, ALSO HEADED WESTERN EUROPE AND AMERICAS DIVISION. HE HAS SERVED ON SEVERAL GHANADELS TO UN (MOST RECENTLY LAST FALL'S 28TH UNGA) AND AS MEMBER SEVERAL GOG DELEGATIONS, INCLUDING THAT TO GEORGETOWN NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE, 1972.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY REQUESTS DEPARTMENT GRANT EARLY AGREEMENT TO QUARM'S APPOINTMENT. WE CONFIDENT HE WILL BRING HIS COOPERATIVE AND FRIENDLY ATTITUDES TO WASHINGTON IN THIS NEW JOB.
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